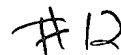


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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on _____.

ii. ☒ Other. Amendment D (After Final) filed on April 2, 2004

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a request a **-month extension of time** to respond to the outstanding Office Action.

c. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.114(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) _____

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☒ Other Fees which may be required

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$770.00 (large entity) enclosed.

c. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ (large entity) to cover the applicable extension of time fees.

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I hereby certify that this **RCE Transmittal** and accompanying documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: MAIL STOP RCE, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated above.

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